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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Since 1963, the State of Illinois has recognized
3 the President's proclamation for National Small Business Week,
4 honoring the contributions of small businesses; and

5 WHEREAS, This year, in conjunction with National Small
6 Business Week on May 20-26, 2012, the State of Illinois joins
7 the business community in recognizing the crucial
8 contributions and achievements of small business owners and
9 entrepreneurs from the State of Illinois and throughout the
10 country; and

11 WHEREAS, We applaud the Illinois Small Business Person of
12 the Year, Michelle Hayward, President of BlueDog Design, who
13 will be honored in Washington D.C. during National Small
14 Business Week with her peers from other states; and

15 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois will recognize and honor all
16 Illinois' award winners during Illinois Small Business Week
17 from June 10-16, 2012; and

18 WHEREAS, We appreciate all small business concerns and
19 small business advocates for their endurance, perseverance,
20 and growth through recent tough economic times; and

1 WHEREAS, We also thank small business owners for their
2 efforts to incite economic recovery by putting local people
3 back to work and express our gratitude for the role that small
4 businesses play as the largest job creation engine in the
5 country; and

6 WHEREAS, Small businesses, most of which have fewer than 20
7 employees, generate almost 3 of every 4 new jobs in the country
8 every year; and

9 WHEREAS, In Illinois, the number of new businesses that are
10 opening is higher than those that are closing; and

11 WHEREAS, Illinois small businesses represented 62.6% of
12 the net new private-sector jobs from 2005 to 2008; and

13 WHEREAS, As of 2009, there were over 1.1 million small
14 businesses in Illinois; small businesses represent 98.3% of all
15 employers and employ almost half of the private-sector
16 workforce, estimated at 2.5 million employees; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we designate the week of June 10-16, 2012 as Illinois Small
20 Business Week in the State of Illinois; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That we urge all Illinois legislators and
2 citizens to join in this observance as we celebrate and applaud
3 the accomplishments and commitment to excellence of Illinois'
4 entrepreneurs, small business owners, and their employees, and
5 pledge to support and encourage the development of new small
6 businesses and job creation in our State.